Child Care Roundtable
with Senator Sherrod Brown
To champion high-quality early learning and healthy development strategies from the prenatal period to age five, that lay a strong foundation for Ohio kids, families and communities.
United States Senator

Sherrod Brown
Pandemic Child Care

• All child care programs forced to close as of March 26, 2020 unless operating under a temporary pandemic child care (TPCC) license

• TPCC programs can only serve essential workers, have limited teacher to child ratios and classroom sizes (1:6). Families who qualify for PFCC still receive subsidy, but those that don’t are paying full tuition. TPCC program are compensated for enrolled publicly funded children.

• Over 2,200 pandemic child care providers served about 25,000 children during the closure period

• About half of CARES Act dollars were used pay for pandemic child care for children who qualify for publicly funded child care
Child Care Reopening

- Child care programs were permitted to reopen and serve all children starting May 31, 2020 with new regulations, ratios, and classroom sizes.
- Programs are receiving pre-pandemic rates for publicly funded kids.
- Ohio Department of Job and Family Services is using the remainder of CARES Act dollars for a grant program that supports both publicly funded and private pay child care programs.
- Even with support through grants and federal loan options (for those who were able to take advantage of them), Ohio’s child care system is still at serious risk of collapse in the next few months.
Responding to Reduced Ratios & Class Size

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These limits on class size AND new adult-to-child ratios means programs will have to reduce their capacity by 30% to 50%. Fewer children can be served in the same space and more staff are required to provide care.
Ohio Loss of Child Care Capacity

45% of child care supply could be lost in Ohio without your advocacy and intervention.

Children and families need your help!
Today’s Panelists

• Patricia Gleason, Learning Grove
• Christie Angel, YWCA of Central Ohio
• Misti Norman, Heavenly Kids Center for Learning
• Peg Tazewell, Knox County Head Start
THANK YOU

... for supporting a $50 billion investment in child care through CCDBG by co-sponsoring the Child Care is Essential Act (S.3874). We ask that you encourage your colleagues to support its passage as well.
How can we support you?

What can we do to help you get this vital support for Ohio kids and families that supports our recovering economy?
To our attendees in Ohio...

Here’s what you can do RIGHT NOW to support this effort.

VoterVoice.net/GroundworkOhio/Home

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Groundwork Ohio is Your Child Care Resource

• Subscribe to our newsletter and view COVID-19 updates at www.GroundworkOhio.org

• Contact Shannon Jones at sjones@groundworkohio.org
THANK YOU!

The recording and resources shared will be available at www.GroundworkOhio.org/covid19webinars later today.